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SUBJECT: THREAT AGAINST PRIME MINISTER MANLEY

REF: THYDEN/GERARD TELCON DECEMBER 14

1. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED BY FBI AND
IS PASSED TO EMBASSY AS BACKGROUND TO REFERENCED TELCON.
EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM GOJ THAT SUBJECT OF REPORT IS
PRESUMED TO BE MENTALLY DISTURBED AND NOT LIKELY TO
CARRY OUT THREAT.

GOJ TO BE INFORMED IN ORDER THAT PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES
CAN BE TAKEN.

2. FBI HAS RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT LEE SAAMS, WHO
CLAIMS TO BE DUAL US/JAMAICAN CITIZEN, HAS STATED THAT
HE PLANS TO TRAVEL TO JAMAICA DECEMBER 15 TO ASSASSINATE
PRIME MINISTER MANLEY BECAUSE OF MANLEY'S ALLEGED PRO-
CASTRO POLICIES. SAAMS SAID HE BELIEVED HE WOULD BE
KILLED AFTER HE HAD KILLED MANLEY. HE DID NOT MENTION
ANY CONFEDERATES OR ORGANIZATIONS, NOR DID HE SAY HOW
HE INTENDED TO KILL MANLEY.

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3. SAAMS REPORTEDLY GAVE NOTE TO MRS. BARBARA BUCKNER

OF MIAMI, FLORIDA ASKING HER TO ACCOMPANY HIM TO JAMAICA AS HIS WIFE. MRS. BUCKNER HAS COOPERATED IN ON-GOING INVESTIGATION. MRS. BUCKNER AND OTHER SOURCES DESCRIBE SAAMS AS WHITE MALE, SIX FEET TALL, 175 POUNDS, SLENDER, 55 YEARS OLD, THIN BROWN HAIR, BLOODSHOT BLUE EYES, REDDISH COMPLEXION. HE IS FURTHER DESCRIBED AS FORMER U.S. MARINE SUFFERING FROM CANCER, HEART TROUBLE AND DRINKING HABIT AND UNDER TREATMENT AT VA HOSPITAL IN MIAMI.

4. SAAMS HAS SAID HE WAS BORN IN MORGAN CITY, LOUISIANA TO BLACK MOTHER AND CAJUN FATHER. HE TOLD MRS. BUCKNER HE HAD LIVED 18 YEARS IN JAMAICA WITH WIFE AND 14 CHILDREN. HE CLAIMED TO HAVE ENTERTAINED PRIME MINISTER AND MRS. MANLEY AT HIS RESIDENCE, POSSIBLY AT LUCIE, JAMAICA. SAAMS IS NOT KNOWN TO POSSESS WEAPONS OR HAVE RECORD OF VIOLENCE. HIS LAST KNOWN ADDRESS IS CONTINENTAL HOTEL, 4000 COLLINS AVENUE, MIAMI BEACH.

5. SAAMS CLAIMS TO HAVE VISITED JAMAICA SEVERAL TIMES DURING THE PAST YEAR. MRS. BUCKNER SAID SAAMS TOOK HER TO JAMAICAN CONSULATE IN MIAMI, WHERE THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION WITH CONSULATE EMPLOYEE OF A LETTER FROM SAAMS' JAMAICAN WIFE.

6. FBI IS CONTINUING INVESTIGATION. KISSINGER

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